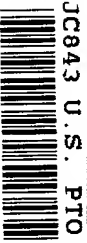


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## NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): John L. Baker

For (title): IMPROVED RAMIE

## 1. Type of Application

This transmittal is for a continuation application.

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2. **Benefit of Prior U.S. Applications (35 U.S.C. Sections 119(e), 120, or 121)**

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. applications. Enclosed are  
ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S.  
APPLICATIONS CLAIMED.

3. **Papers Enclosed**

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design)  
Application

13 Page(s) of Specification

1 Page(s) of Claims

B. Other Papers Enclosed

3 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney

1 Page(s) of abstract

4. **Additional Papers Enclosed**

Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. 1.98)

Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

5. **Declaration or Oath**

Enclosed

Executed by:

\* inventor.

6. **Inventorship Statement**

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

7. **Language**

English

TO: "304800T"

**8. Assignment**

An assignment of the invention to Contex Industries, L.C. is attached.

**9. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16)**

Regular Application

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CLAIMS AS FILED

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Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a) \$710.00
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Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+	\$270.00	\$0.00
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Filing Fee Calculation

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**10. Small Entity Statement(s)**

Status as small entity was claimed in prior application 09/319,197, filed on June 2, 1999, from which benefit is being claimed for this application under 35 U.S.C. SECTION 119(e), and which status as a small entity is still proper and desired.

A copy of the statement in the prior application is included.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above)

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**11. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

Not Enclosed

No filing fee is to be paid at this time.

**ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF  
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**12. Relate Back**

Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence:

**A. 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e)**

"This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Nos.:

**APPLICATION NO.**

**FILING DATE**

60/032,203

12/02/1996

**B. 35 U.S.C. Sections 120, 121 and 365(c)**

"This application is a

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of copending applications

Application number 09/319,197 filed on June 2, 1999.

International Application PCT/US97/2259 filed on December 2, 1997, and which designated the U.S."

"The nonprovisional application designated above, namely application 09/319,197, filed June 2, 1999, claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Nos.:

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"The nonprovisional application designated above, namely application PCT/US97/2259, filed December 2, 1997, claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Nos.:

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13. **Further Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prior Application(s) Claimed**

a. This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above and the inventor in this application is the same.

14. **Small Entity (37 C.F.R. Section 1.28(a))**

Applicant has established small entity status by the filing of a statement in parent application 09/319,197 on June 2, 1999.

A copy of the statement previously filed is included.

15. **NOTIFICATION IN PARENT APPLICATION OF THIS FILING**

A notification of the filing of this continuation is being filed in the parent application, from which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. Section 120.

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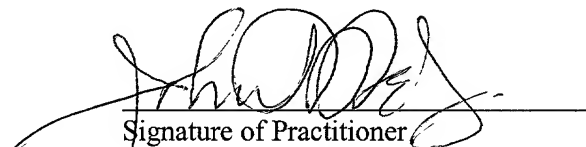
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NOTIFICATION OF FILING OF CONTINUING, DIVISIONAL  
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Notification is hereby being made of the filing of a continuation application for this case concurrently herewith.

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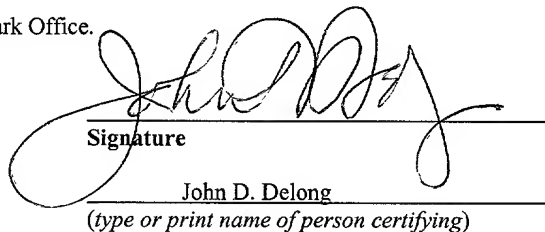
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